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PROTEINS, NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES **ENCODING HUMAN TRANSPORTER** PROTEINS, AND USES THEREOF

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE FIGURES

Figure 1, page 1 of 2, at the end of line 28, insert - -(SEQ ID NO:1)--.

Figure 1, page 1 of 2, at the end of line 61, insert - -(SEQ ID NO:2)--.

Figure 2, page 1 of 4, at the end of line 10, insert - -(SEQ ID NO:3)--.

Figure 2, page 1 of 4, at the end of line 21, insert - -(SEQ ID NO:4)--.

Figure 2, page 3 of 4, at the end of line 26, insert -- (SEQ ID NO:6)--.

Figure 2, page 4 of 4, at the end of line 7, insert - - (SEQ ID NO:7)--.